

FEMA Denton MOC Team as the Region 6 Watch, 940-898-5280

FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #2: Explosion with HAZMAT Release – TX
CIR: Any event in the Region receiving wide media coverage (local or national) likely resulting in a DHS or White House request for information.

Incident Description: An initial report of an explosion at an oil refinery in Jefferson County, TX was received. A subsequent chemical release resulted in a shelter-in-place order.

Time of Incident: 0100 CT 27 Nov 2019

Sources:

- TX SOC
- NOAA (WFO Lake Charles, LA)
- Open Source
- DOE Eagle-I

Current Situation:

- An explosion at the TPC Group Refinery – City of Port Neches (Jefferson County, TX) precipitated a release of Butadiene, which prompted a shelter-in-place order by the Orange County judge (with suggested evacuation) for up to a mile radius around the incident until 0600 CT. Jefferson County has also issued a shelter-in-place order for the City of Groves and a portion of Port Arthur due to a shift in winds and plume modeling. A mandatory evacuation order is in effect for those residing within a ½ mile of the facility.

Impacts:

Transportation:	No Reports
Food, Water, Sheltering:	1 shelter open (1 st Baptist Church – Nederland, TX)
Energy (Power & Fuel):	1545 (Statewide)
Health & Medical:	No fatalities reported; 3 injuries at this time
Safety & Security:	Structural damages (windows and doors)
Communication:	No Reports
Hazardous Waste:	No Reports

State/Local Response:

- TX SOC is at Normal Operations

FEMA Response:

- R6 RRCC: Not Activated
- R6 RWC: Normal Operations
- No request for FEMA assistance
- **FEMA R6 IMAT-1:** PMC due to vacancies

- **FEMA R6 IMAT-2: Reconstituting through 30 Nov 2019**

Denton MOC will continue to monitor and report further developments as warranted.



